

## **Kilsyth Community Council**

Minute of meeting held on 15 April 2009 in St Patrick's Primary School

**PRESENT:** Margot Macmillan Alex Machray Jean McLachlan  
Jim Hutchison John Smithson Charles Coulthard Scott Johnson  
John Freebairn Alan Stevenson Ian Jarvis Carol Sullivan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Mark Griffin  
Councillor David Key  
Community Police (Part time)  
Members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jean Jones

**2. POLICE REPORT:**

Constable Martin Docherty gave a short police report. A 12 year old girl had died and her friend had been seriously ill. The circumstances of this sad event were still being investigated. Apart from this incident and one serious assault no other significant crimes had been reported. Constable Docherty stated that youth disturbances usually begin to rise at this time of year.

**3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC FOR POLICE:**

Several hot spots were discussed with Constable Docherty. He recommended that the police should be called as soon as possible if anyone became aware of a suspected incident. The Chairman thanked Constable Docherty for attending the meeting.

**4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

John Freebairn commented on the problem of motor bikes being driven round Banton Loch.

Gillian Cant had suggested we investigate the possibility of attracting large retailers to the Main Street to help fill the empty buildings. After considering this, members agreed that we would back such a move but only after it was confirmed that companies were interested in opening new branches in Kilsyth. The Secretary to write to Gillian explaining our position.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

John Smithson, seconded by Charles Coulthard, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 18 March 2009.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:**

The Secretary to write to NLC Planning Department regarding the status of the tripartite agreement required for the development of Cavalry Park.

The Chairman gave a report on his meeting with the traders, the Town Centre Manager and Councillor Jones on Friday 03 April. The outcome of the meeting was that the traders should again discuss their requirements for loading/unloading plus disabled access and then meet again with Scot and Councillor Jones.

## **7. REPORT FROM TREASURER:**

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account was £1,175.84.

## **9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:**

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account was £630.60.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Several items of correspondence were discussed.

A cheque had been received from the Carron Valley Development Group which was disbanding. The Secretary to write back, thanking the group for their gift and confirming that this will be used for the benefit the community. The Secretary to forward details to members of items already commented on at the draft stage of the new NLC Local Plan.

## **11. PLANNING:**

The weekly planning lists were reviewed.

The planning application for the change of use of the sewage works was discussed. A number of concerns were raised:-

- a. Volume of traffic and effect on roadway
- b. Noise and dust pollution
- c. Contaminated material in transit and on site
- d. Involvement of SEPA
- e. Council expenditure
- f. Had a bond been agreed to cover reinstatement of the site

The Secretary to raise these concerns with NLC Planning Department.

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

No items discussed.

### **13. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:**

Jim confirmed that his feature articles on a range of historical events and people were almost complete and would soon be placed on our website. All members were asked to consider topics for another historical event and share these at the June meeting.

### **14. OTHER REPORTS:**

Alan Stevenson confirmed that the golf season had now started. Regarding the Carnival, there were problems in raising the required matching funding for the event and that this will probably result in the programme being curtailed.

### **15. WEBSITE:**

Margot reported on the number of hits on our website, the average over 48 weeks being 163 per week. These came from all over the world.

### **16. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

John Freebairn commented on the Provost McCann Walkway and stated that a right of way had been lost adjacent to the car wash on Stirling Road. The Secretary to write to Dawn Homes, requesting that the road side of the development be cleaned up and that the right of way through the site be reinstated. The Secretary to speak with Councillor Jones regarding a clean up of the gap site opposite the Post Office.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2009 in St. Patrick's Primary School, **commencing at 7.00pm.**